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1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO.

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4 WHEREAS, Lovington, a city of nearly ten thousand  
5 persons in southeastern New Mexico, was established in 1908;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Lovington, whose first post office was housed  
8 in the Jim B. Love grocery store and run by the proprietor of  
9 the grocery store, offers warm summer days, cool nights and  
10 mild sunny winters; and

11 WHEREAS, from the time of its establishment, Lovington  
12 has been a center for ranching and farming families spread  
13 across southeastern New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, Lovington was designated as the county seat  
15 when Lea county was created from parts of Chaves and Eddy  
16 counties in 1917; and

17 WHEREAS, oil was discovered in 1928 in Lovington, but  
18 had little impact on the economy until 1950, when the Denton  
19 pool nine miles northeast of town was discovered; and

20 WHEREAS, oil then quickly transformed Lovington, as some  
21 ninety-two flowing wells were established soon after 1950 and  
22 people working on the wells poured into the town; and

23 WHEREAS, the natural gas boom also contributed to the  
24 growth of Lovington beginning in 1950; and

25 WHEREAS, the dairy industry has begun to take part in

1 the growth of the city, whose population mushroomed from four  
2 hundred eleven people in 1920 to one thousand nine hundred  
3 sixteen in 1940 to the current nine thousand six hundred; and

4 WHEREAS, today, Lovington boasts a public library with  
5 over forty-nine thousand items, a senior citizen center, an  
6 activity center, five city parks, one swimming pool, eleven  
7 baseball fields, numerous practice fields for little league,  
8 one shooting range, a museum, a hospital, four doctors, two  
9 chiropractors, three dentists, at-home nursing services, well-  
10 trained emergency transportation personnel and scores of civic  
11 organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Lovington is home to national football league  
13 player Brian Urlacher; and

14 WHEREAS, Lovington is the former home of professional  
15 golfers Ronnie Black and Sean Murphy;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it join with  
18 Lovington residents to celebrate one hundred years as a  
19 community; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state take pride in the  
21 ongoing growth, development and contributions of this  
22 southeastern city; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the governor, to each of the state's southern  
25 New Mexico elected officials, to the mayor of Lovington and to

1 each of the public schools in Lovington.

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